

do in each case if I were President in those heartbreaking situations. But I do know it is far easier for these Republican Presidential candidates and critics of this administration to armchair the Secretary of State or President than to actually make the tough decisions that brought these men and women back home to the United States.

While I applaud the nuclear deal and the release of the detained Americans, I am under no illusions about the Iranian regime. I believe there is a faction in Iran that wants Iran to integrate into the global community and reject Iranian belligerence in the region. Certainly a large number of the Iranian people feel that way. But there are deeply troubling hardliners in Iran as well. They continue to support some of the most troubling groups in the region, from Hezbollah, to Hamas, to the Assad regime. They continue to imprison their own people for wanting more freedoms. They threaten Israel, our closest ally in the Middle East, and the region's broader security.

I hope that recent events mark the beginning of a gradual change away from these hardline policies and that we can continue to work with wiser voices on shared challenges such as Afghanistan and Syria. Until then, the administration has wisely maintained sanctions on Iran for its support of these terrorist groups and human rights violations.

I also strongly support the most recent sanctions related to Iran's ballistic missile testing announced by the Obama regime. The world will have ongoing, intensive inspection of Iran's remaining nuclear infrastructure to make sure there is no cheating on the agreement.

It is always easy to threaten force or simply say that troubling regimes must bow to a rhetorical demand. It is another thing to actually use diplomacy to reach these goals. Let's not forget the price in lives, treasure, and regional upheaval that the Iraq war caused us—prices we continue to pay to this day. To end Iran's nuclear weapons program without another devastating war is remarkable and worth the risk. We should follow the words of President Kennedy: "Let us never negotiate out of fear. But let us never fear to negotiate."

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow morning.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:23 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, January 20, 2016, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

FOREIGN SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF

STATE FOR PROMOTION WITHIN THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE TO THE CLASSES INDICATED:

CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR:

VIRGINIA LYNN BENNETT, OF VIRGINIA
JOHN T. BERNLOHR, OF VIRGINIA
DONALD A. BLOME, OF ILLINOIS
ANDREW BOWEN, OF TEXAS
PAUL A. BROWN, OF MARYLAND
TODD JAMES BROWN, OF VIRGINIA
IAN G. BROWNLEE, OF MARYLAND
RANDALL C. BUDDEN, OF FLORIDA
THOMAS E. COONEY, OF NEW YORK
MARY ELLEN COUNTRYMAN, OF WASHINGTON
JOHN J. DAIGLE, OF VIRGINIA
JON F. DANILOWICZ, OF VIRGINIA
KENNETH B. DEKLEVA, OF TEXAS
KATHERINE SIMONDS DHANANI, OF FLORIDA
ROBERT JOSEPH FAUCHER, OF VIRGINIA
DANIEL L. FOOTE, OF VIRGINIA
PHILIP A. FRAYNE, OF NEW YORK
ROBERT S. GILCHRIST, OF FLORIDA
ETHAN AARON GOLDRICH, OF MARYLAND
CANDY GREEN, OF CALIFORNIA
LAWRENCE J. GUMBINER, OF CALIFORNIA
HELEN H. HAHN, OF VIRGINIA
ANNE HALL, OF MAINE
SARAH C. HALL, OF NEW YORK
SCOTT IAN HAMILTON, OF COLORADO
ANDREW BAUER HAVILAND, OF VIRGINIA
DAVID ANDREW HODGE, OF TEXAS
RICHARD A. HOLTZAPFLE, OF VIRGINIA
ERIC A. JOHNSON, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ARDESHIR F. KANGA, OF MARYLAND
KATHLEEN ANN KAVALEC, OF CALIFORNIA
ATUL KESHAP, OF VIRGINIA
KARIN MARGARET KING, OF OHIO
MARC E. KNAPPER, OF CALIFORNIA
DAVID J. KOSTELANCIK, OF ILLINOIS
DANIEL JOSEPH KRITENBRINK, OF VIRGINIA
MICHELLE A. LABONTE, OF VIRGINIA
Yael LEMPET, OF NEW YORK
JAMES M. LEVY, OF VIRGINIA
PATRICIA A. MAHONEY, OF VIRGINIA
MONTE P. MAKOUS, OF PENNSYLVANIA
COLETTE MARCELLIN, OF VIRGINIA
ELIZABETH LEE MARTINEZ, OF OHIO
JOHN A. MATEL, OF VIRGINIA
PATRICIA SHEEHAN MCCARTHY, OF VIRGINIA
CARYN R. MCLELLAND, OF CALIFORNIA
RICHARD M. MILLS, JR., OF FLORIDA
PHILLIP A. MIN, OF VIRGINIA
MATTHIAS J. MITMAN, OF FLORIDA
MICHAEL KENT MORROW, OF VIRGINIA
PETER F. MULREAN, OF NEW YORK
SEAN MURPHY, OF VIRGINIA
ROBERT STEPHEN NEEDHAM, OF FLORIDA
ERIC G. NELSON, OF TEXAS
WILLIAM A. OSTICK, OF VIRGINIA
NANCY BIKOFF PETTIT, OF VIRGINIA
LYNNE G. PLATT, OF FLORIDA
EMILIA A. PUMA, OF VIRGINIA
DAVID M. REINERT, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
TIMOTHY J. RILEY, OF GEORGIA
WILLIAM VERNON ROEBUCK, OF VIRGINIA
ANDREW J. SCHOFER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
JUSTIN H. SIBERELL, OF MARYLAND
ERIC W. STROMAYER, OF VIRGINIA
MARY E. TARNOWKA, OF VIRGINIA
SUSAN ASHTON THORNTON, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CONRAD ROBERT TRIBBLE, OF CALIFORNIA
XAVIER VAZQUEZ, OF VIRGINIA
PATRICK WILLIAM WALSH, OF CONNECTICUT
STEPHANIE TURCO WILLIAMS, OF VIRGINIA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE FOR PROMOTION INTO THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, AS INDICATED:

CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF COUNSELOR:

LUCY K. ABBOTT, OF MAINE
MARY EMMA ARNOLD, OF VIRGINIA
AMBER MICHELE BASKETTE, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
VALERIE LOUISE BELON, OF ALASKA
MARK J. BIEDLINGMAIER, OF FLORIDA
DREW G. BLAKENEY, OF TEXAS
TOBIN J. BRADLEY, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
KATHERINE ANN BRUCKER, OF CALIFORNIA
MICHELLE ANN BURTON, OF NORTH DAKOTA
MARK JOSEPH CASSAYRE, OF CALIFORNIA
CHRISTIAN M. CASTRO, OF VIRGINIA
KELLY S. CECIL, OF FLORIDA
FRANCES MARGARET CHISHOLM, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
KAREN ICHUE FICHTE, OF NEW YORK
MARK DANIEL CLARK, OF VIRGINIA
CHERRIE S. DANIELS, OF TEXAS
CHRISTOPHER J. DEL CORSO, OF VIRGINIA
MARC DOUGLAS DILLARD, OF CALIFORNIA
JAMES EDWARD DONEGAN, OF NEW YORK
KURT D. DONNELLY, OF OREGON
PATRICK M. DUNN, OF VIRGINIA
CHRISTOPHER G. DUNNETT, OF FLORIDA
ROBIN LISA DUNNIGAN, OF CALIFORNIA
GABRIEL ESCOBAR, OF TEXAS
NAN NIDA FIFE, OF VIRGINIA
TAMARA K. FITZGERALD, OF TEXAS
KATHLEEN A. FITZGIBBON, OF VIRGINIA
JUSTIN FRIEDMAN, OF VIRGINIA
HEIDE BRONKE FULTON, OF NEW YORK
MICHAEL E. GARROTE, OF MARYLAND
J. ROBERT GARVERICK, OF VIRGINIA
JENNIFER GAVITO, OF MISSOURI
CAROLYN B. GLASSMAN, OF CALIFORNIA
JOHN T. GODFREY, OF CALIFORNIA

MICHAEL C. GONZALES, OF MARYLAND
CYNTHIA A. G. HALEY, OF TEXAS
JENNIFER HALL GODFREY, OF VIRGINIA
MICHAEL P. HANKEY, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ROBERT F. HANNAN, OF VIRGINIA
MICHAEL G. HEATH, OF CALIFORNIA
JAMES ROBERT HELLER, OF VIRGINIA
DEBRA L. HEVIA, OF NEW YORK
AMY ELIZABETH HOLMAN, OF MARYLAND
BRYAN D. HUNT, OF VIRGINIA
AUDREY B. HUON-DUMENTAT, OF VIRGINIA
COLLEEN E. HYLAND, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARK COOLIDGE JOHNSON, OF NEW YORK
DOUGLAS DAVID JONES, OF MARYLAND
KRISTIN M. KANE, OF CALIFORNIA
MELISSA J. KEHOE, OF WASHINGTON
MICHAEL R. KELLER, OF VIRGINIA
DAVID H. KENNEDY, OF WASHINGTON
BRUCE P. KLEINER, OF WASHINGTON
MARY ELLEN N. KOENIG, OF MARYLAND
MARGARET KURTZ-RANDALL, OF VIRGINIA
MARK B. LAMBERT, OF VIRGINIA
CHRISTOPHER JOHN LAMORA, OF VIRGINIA
STEPHAN ALLEN LANG, OF MISSOURI
DANIEL J. LAWTON, OF VIRGINIA
PATRICK A. LEONARD, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ALEXIS LUDWIG, OF CALIFORNIA
RAFIK K. MANSOUR, OF CALIFORNIA
PANFILO MARQUEZ, OF CALIFORNIA
JONATHAN ROBERT MENNUT, OF VIRGINIA
MANUEL P. MICALLER, OF CALIFORNIA
HERRO K. MUSTAFA, OF CALIFORNIA
COURTNEY ROBIN NEMROFF, OF WASHINGTON
DENISON KYLE OFUTT, OF FLORIDA
SANDRA SPRINGER OUDKIRK, OF VIRGINIA
THOMAS ANDREW PALAIA, OF CONNECTICUT
MATTHEW A. PALMER, OF VIRGINIA
BRETT GEORGE POMAINVILLE, OF COLORADO
WILLIAM W. POPP, OF VIRGINIA
DALE T. PRINCE, OF MARYLAND
BARTON J. PUTNEY, OF WISCONSIN
JOHN THOMAS RATH, OF TEXAS
RICHARD THOMAS REITER, OF MARYLAND
ERICA ANN RENEW, OF VIRGINIA
KAREN E. ROBBLEE, OF NEW YORK
DANIEL ALAN ROCHMAN, OF NEBRASKA
ABIGAIL MISCIAGNO RUPP, OF FLORIDA
HOWARD T. SOLOMON, OF MICHIGAN
JAMES BROWARD STORY, OF SOUTH CAROLINA
KATHRYN TAYLOR CROCKART, OF TEXAS
ELLEN BARBARA THORNBURN, OF MICHIGAN
MARI DIETERICH TOLLIVER, OF MICHIGAN
JOHN C. VANCE, OF MONTANA
MARJA VERLOOP, OF WASHINGTON
LESSLIE C. VIGUERIE, OF VIRGINIA
ROBERT PATRICK WALLER, OF VIRGINIA
JAMES L. WAYMAN, OF VIRGINIA
MARK ALAN WELLS, OF VIRGINIA
JAMES ANDREW WOLFE, OF CALIFORNIA
JOY ONA YAMAMOTO, OF CALIFORNIA
JOSEPH MICHAEL YOUNG, OF VIRGINIA

CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, AND CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

AYAN HUSSEIN AHMED NOOR, OF VIRGINIA
ASSIYA ASHRAF-MILLER, OF VIRGINIA
LANCE M. BAILEY, OF VIRGINIA
ARTHUR J. BALEK, OF MARYLAND
KEVIN WILLIAM BOHNE, OF TEXAS
JAMES E. DICKEY, OF ALASKA
CONSTANCE MARIE DIERMAN, OF MARYLAND
PHILIP A. DUBOIS, OF FLORIDA
TIMOTHY DUMAS, OF ILLINOIS
KAREN A. FINER, OF MINNESOTA
THOMAS JAMES FITZPATRICK, OF VIRGINIA
KATHY A. GALLARDO, OF CALIFORNIA
HOWARD K. GERSHENFELD, OF TEXAS
DAVID S. GROCCIA, OF VIRGINIA
ANDREW P. HYATT, OF UTAH
DAVID R. JOHNSON, OF MINNESOTA
STEVEN M. JONES, OF VIRGINIA
KAREN A. LASS, OF VIRGINIA
WADE C. MARTIN, OF VIRGINIA
GLENN WAYNE MILLER, OF VIRGINIA
MAKORI OSORO, OF TEXAS
JUSTIN J. OTTO, OF WASHINGTON
RICHARD D. OTTO, OF FLORIDA
JOSE E. SALAZAR, OF NEW MEXICO
RONALD W. STUART, OF TEXAS
RAJESH VYAS, OF FLORIDA
AZIZ Y. YOUNES, OF GEORGIA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR PROMOTION INTO THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE TO THE CLASS INDICATED, EFFECTIVE APRIL 10, 2015:

CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF COUNSELOR:

SUSAN M. CLEARY, OF NEW YORK

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR PROMOTION WITHIN THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE TO THE CLASS INDICATED:

CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR:

DARYL ARTHUR BREHM, OF VIRGINIA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE FOR PROMOTION INTO THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, AS INDICATED:

CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF COUNSELOR: